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1. Whodzimierz BACZWOWSKI was born about forty-eight years ago near Kiev in the Russian Ukraine, and is a graduate of the Department of Philosophy of the University of Lwow, Poland.

- 2. In 1928 BACZKOVSKI worked in Lwow for the Polono-Ukrainian Bulletin, the organ of the Polono-Ukrainian Union, a political movement led by CHDIOVKO (fnu), Ukrainian Deputy to the Polish Sejm from 1920 to 1928. The purposes of this movement were: Polish-Ukrainian solidarity, Polish-Ukrainian autonomy in Poland, as well as the creation of a separate Ukraine, composed of a Russian and a Polish section. BACZKOWSKI worked for this movement until 1935, when he left Iwow and went to Warsaw after the death of CIDIOVKO, who was killed by the Ukrainians.
- 3. In 1935 BACZKOWSKI joined the Prometheus reverent, which was directed by the Polish Government, particularly by the General Staff of the Army. Prometheus activities were of a dual nature: overt propaganda and politics, and intelligence. In the latter field Prometheus organized intelligence services in Soviet territory, clandestine movements against the Soviet Government, etc. Prometheus sprend, and was united with the movement bearing the same name in Germany, where White Russian emigres worked actively with the consent and cooperation of the German authorities.
- In Warsaw Prometheus had an institute of study and propaganda called "Institute Washodni" (Oriental Institute), headed by SEDIECKI (fnu), university professor and senator, and directed by Olgierd GORKA.\*\*

  BACZKOWSKI was head of the press section. The Institute printed many anti-Soviet publications, including Orient in French, English, and German; Polono-Ukrainian Bulletin in Polish; and The Problems of Europe and the East, in Polish. In 1936 BACZKOWSKI was a delegate of the Polish Prometheus to the anti-Soviet Congress in Berlin.

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- 5. In 1939 BACZHOWSKI fled to Rumania and from there to Palestine. He joined the Polish Deuxième Bureau in Jerusalem and was made head of the section on Soviet affairs, which was occupied principally with a study of the Soviet press.
- 6. Since 1916, after the liquidation of the Polish Deuxième Bureauthe bureau of General ANDERS! Army which was closely connected with, and subsidized by, British Intelligence—BACZKOWSKI became head of a Polish information network operating on a reduced scale, but always dependent on General ANDERS and connected with British Intelligence.

  As cover, BACZKOWSKI's network uses a publishing house called "Reduta" (Redoubt), whose headquarters is now in Beirut, and whose nominal president is the Polish priest, Dr. KANTAK, described by sources as an old "straw man, who is completely dull-witted and inactive, even in his religious duties."
- 7. "Reduta" has a Polish printing press and has already published several books, including BACZMOWSKI's, some Polish literary works, a book on Polish history, and some pamphlets, all in Arabic. Within the framework of "Reduta's" activities, BACZMOWSKI publishes a "secret" political bullatin (in eight copies) on Hiddle East affairs. In reality, this bullatin contains nothing secret, since the material contained therein is based principally on local press reports, sources state. "Reduta's" budget in 1948 was five thousand pounds sterling, which was used to defray publishing costs, as well as BACZMOWSKI's expenses for his bulletin and intelligence service.
- 8. BACKOVEKT is the author of "Towards an Understanding of Russia," a well-documented book on Soviet Russia, which was published in English in 1947.
- 9. Sigismond ZAWADOWSKI, London-Blish Hinister to Lebanon, is a member of BACZKOVSKI's network and receives most of the network's reports, which he transmits to London, according to sources.

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10. BACZHOWSKI is described by this source as "one of the pillars of the Prometheus movement." During the period between World Wars I and II, he was closely connected with the II Section of the Polish General Staff, and indirectly connected with the Polish Hinistry of Foreign Affairs and the Hinistry of Internal Affairs. Colonel Tadeuss SHAETZEL, the chief of the II Section from 1927 to 1930, and later chief of the Political Department in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also was connected with the Prometheus movement and, according to source, was strongly influenced by BACZKOWSKI.

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- Source states that BACZKOWSKI is unquestionably one of the many "specialists" in the Prometheus movement and that he well understands:
  - a. both the official, ideological basis of the movement, and its unofficial, covert, anti-Soviet aims;
  - the history of the founding and development of this movement which has spread into a number of countries— Poland, Germany, France, Turkey, and others;
  - c. the people who are active in the movement.

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- 12. Source points cut that it is likewise necessary to realize that:
  - a. Soviet political intelligence organizations, which have penetrated the Prometheus movement with the aid of planted Caucasians, undoubtedly must know about the role BACZKOWSKI has played.
  - b. Because of his active work in Prometheus, source asserts that BACZKOWSKI is known to officials of other nations, as well. To illustrate this, source relates a trip into Turkey which BACZKOWSKI took in the autumn of 1942 in the guise of a Polish diplomatic courier carrying diplomatic mail from Cairo to Polish diplomatic posts in Ankara and Istanbul. The Turkish political police, source states, immediately detected in this courier the person of BACZKOWSKI and observed his activities in Turkey. Also, source states that, a week after BACZKOWSKI's departure from Turkey, one of the chief German propagators of the Prometheus movement arrived in Istanbul from Berlin. He wanted to see BACZKOWSKI and searched diligently for him in Istanbul. Source believes that the British also know about the work and aims of BACZKOWSKI.

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- 13. BACZKOWSKI, who was in the Hiddle East during most of World War II, stayed away officially from the Polish II Section (which had been moved from Poland), but was, in fact, closely connected with this Section through its Fracutive Offices in Jerusalem. While in Jerusalem, BACZKOWSKI married a Polish escapee.
- III. Source describes BACZKOWSKI as a person who is undoubtedly intelligent, and who has a solid, well-balanced character and a great zeal for his work. He knows the Soviet Union well, the country and its people, and constantly studies the USSR, source asserts.
  - . Olgierd CDRKA, who served the London Polish Government during the war, apparently has switched his allegiance to the Warsaw Government.

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